I CLAIM:

1. A device for discouraging the spread of a fire to the roof of a building, said device comprising:

a) a base;

b) a sprinkler mounted on said base, said sprinkler adapted to be coupled to a water source; and

c) a rope coupled to said base, said rope being at least long enough for an individual standing adjacent the building to grasp said rope when said device is positioned on the roof of the building.

2. The device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said base includes an outer cover and filling inside said outer cover.

3. The device as set forth in Claim 2 wherein said filling comprises a water absorbing material.

4. The device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said device weighs less than about 10 pounds when not filled with water.

5. The device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said device weighs more than about 10 pounds when filled to capacity with water.

6. The device to capacity Claim 1 wherein said sprinkler comprises a top section and a neck section beneath said top section, said top section being wider than said neck section, and wherein said base comprises an outer cover having an aperture at a top surface thereof for penetrably receiving said neck section but not said top section.

7. The device to capacity Claim 1 including a pipe interconnecting said sprinkler with the water source.

8. The device as set forth in Claim 1 including a pipe interconnected with said sprinkler and a coupling attached to said pipe for engagement with the water source.

9. The device as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said base includes an outer cover and water absorbing filling within said outer cover, said pipe being located at least partly within said cover and including a plurality of holes.

10. The device as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said coupling is on one side of said base and wherein said rope extends from an opposite side of said base.

11. The device as set forth in Claim 1 including a spool for storing said rope.

12. The device as set forth in Claim 11 including a strap element for releasably attaching said spool to said base.

13. The device as set forth in Claim 12 wherein said strap element is formed from a strap attached to the base and extending therefrom.

14. The device as set forth in Claim 1 including a hose in fluid communication with the water source.

15. The device as set forth in Claim 8 including a hose for engaging said coupling and the water source.

16. The device as set forth in Claim 1 including handles attached to said base.

17. A method of wetting a roof of a building with water, said method comprising the steps of:

a) mounting a base on the roof;

b) providing a spray of water from a sprinkler supported by the base; and

c) positioning the base on the roof with a rope attached to the base.

18. The method as set forth in Claim 17 including the step of attaching a hose to the base prior to exercise of said step of mounting.

19. The method as set forth in Claim 18 wherein said step of positioning is carried out with the rope and the hose.

20. The method as set forth in Claim 17 including the step of storing the rope on a spool attached to the hose.

21. The method as set forth in Claim 17 wherein the base includes a filling and including the step of soaking the filling with water during exercise of said step of providing.